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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application: § FEB 0 6 2004 Examiner: Not Assigned Paul E. Burton Ş Group Art Unit: 1621 Serial No.: 09/515.428 Case Docket No.: 2000B010 Filed: February 29, 2000 Baytown, TX Process For Hydrolyzing Ş Di-isopropyl Ether To Isopropyl Alcohol By Catalytic Distillation Using a Solid Acid Catalyst February 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INOURY

Dear Sir

This is an inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application. We have not yet received an office action on the foregoing case. If for some reason, an office action has been sent but not received by us, please let us know so that we can respond in a timely manner. Otherwise, we await your formal correspondence in due course.

Respectfully submitted.

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